

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of instrumenting logging of command execution of a  
5 command script, comprising:  
defining a common log file;  
writing at least one command of a command script to the common  
log file; and  
providing a parallel command string to replace the command when  
10 it contains sensitive information, prior to it being written to the common log file.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
invoking an error routine that writes a return code of a command to  
the common log file when the return code is of a certain value.  
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3. The method of claim 1 wherein the command is assigned a  
command number for tracing execution and error conditions.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the command number is written to  
20 the common log file.

5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
writing parameters of each logged command to the common log  
file.  
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6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
replacing a parameter containing sensitive information with a  
parallel parameter, prior to it being written to the common log file.

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13. A system of instrumenting logging of command execution of a command script, comprising:

means for defining a common log file;

5 means for writing at least one command of a command script to the common log file; and

means for providing a parallel command string to replace the command when it contains sensitive information, prior to it being written to the common log file.

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14. The system of claim 13 further comprising:

means for invoking an error routine that writes a return code of a command to the log file when the return code is of a certain value.

15 15. The system of claim 13 further comprising:

means for writing parameters of each logged command to the common log file.

16. The system of claim 13 further comprising:

20 means for replacing a parameter containing sensitive information with a parallel parameter, prior to it being written to the common log file.

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